GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Provision of Cranes and Ambulances on NHs
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposals for providing cranes and ambulances to States/UTs under the National Highway Accident Relief Service Scheme during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of cranes and ambulances provided to States/UTs during the said period State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to start a trauma attendant mobile vehicle/two-wheeler service names "first responder' to provide emergency medical care to the victims of road accidents across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these services are likely to be provided?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, under the scheme "National Highways Accident Relief Service Scheme (NHARSS)" provides 10-ton cranes and small medium cranes for hilly areas and ambulances to States/ UTs for relief and rescue measures in the aftermath of accidents by way of evacuating road accident victim to nearest medical aid centre and for clearing the accident site.
On the basis of the requirement received ,the detail of cranes provided to the States during the year 2013-14 and 2014-15 is Annexed.
During the year 2015-16, Ministry released the funds to the State Governments under NHARSS for procurement of 172 numbers of Basic Life Support Ambulance (BLSA) from DGS&D Rates, as under.
State No. of BLSA allotted for procurement from DGS&D rates Cost of BLSA @ Rs. 11 lakh per ambulance 90% Amount of the total cost of BLSA released.
Jammu & Kashmir 136 Rs.14,96,00,000/- Rs.13,46,40,000/-
Sikkim 31 Rs.3,41,00,000/- Rs. 3,06,90,000/-
Mizoram 5 Rs. 55,00,000 Rs. 49,50,000/-
Total 172 Rs.18,92,00,000 Rs. 17,02,80,000/-

(c) & (d) The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is implementing a scheme "National Highways Accident Relief Service Scheme (NHARSS)" under the scheme, 10-ton cranes and small medium cranes for hilly areas and ambulances are provided to States/ UTs for relief and rescue measures in the aftermath of accidents by way of evacuating road accident victim to nearest medical aid centre and for clearing the accident site.
In addition, Ministry has implemented a pilot project for providing cashless treatment of road accident victims on
Gurgaon − Jaipur and
Vadodara − Mumbai stretches of National Highways No. 8 and
Ranchi − Rargaon - Mahulia stretch of National Highway No. 33.

Under the scheme, cashless treatment was provided to road accident victims for 48 hours at expenditure up to a limit of Rs. 30,000. GPS enabled ambulances connected with a central control room through a toll-free number 1033, were stationed at intervals of 20 km to transport the injured to the hospitals for treatment within the 'Golden Hour' .